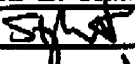


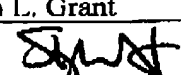
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The Applicant makes the following amendments:

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The applicant's amendments begin on page 2 of this response.

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No amendments at this time.

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The applicant's remarks begin on page 14 of this response.